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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) An acoustic emission measurement system comprising:
(A) means for generating an acoustic emission signal from a body by contacting skin on one area of the body with skin on another area of the body to produce skin/skin frictional forces;
(B) means for collecting, storing and displaying said emission signal; and
(C) means for correlating said emission signal with an attribute of said skin;
wherein said system is used as a clinical tool to evaluate efficacy of cosmetic skin care and/or cleansing products and further wherein the acoustic emission signal is emitted when skin on one area of the body slides or rubs on skin on another area of the body without motorized support.
2. (original) The system according to claim 1, wherein said means for displaying said emission signal comprises a medium selected from the group consisting of Internet, camera, palm pilot, mobile phone, mobile camera phone, and advertising and promotional material selected from the group consisting of television, magazines, brochures, posters, flyers, and hand-outs.

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3. (previously presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein said system is suitable to be used by a consumer, a beautician, a professional adviser, or combination thereof to evaluate cosmetic skin care or cleaning products.

4. (original) The system according to claim 1, wherein said correlation represents attributes of pores, wrinkles, photo aging, or skin texture.

5. (currently amended) A cosmetic product selection and/or customization system comprising:

(i) at least one cosmetic composition for reducing the appearance of at least one undesirable skin attribute; and

(ii) an acoustic emission system associated with said cosmetic composition; the acoustic emission system having a means for generating an acoustic emission signal from a body by contacting skin on one area of the body with skin on another area of the body to produce skin/skin frictional forces, and a means for evaluating current appearance of skin attributes or progress in reducing the appearance of said undesirable attributes with the use of said cosmetic composition, the acoustic emission signal is emitted when skin on one area of the body slides or rubs on skin on another area of the body without motorized support.

6. (previously presented) The system according to claim 5, wherein said acoustic emission system comprises a medium for indicia of at least two different skin attributes,

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thereby allowing consumers or clinicians to distinguish skin attributes resulting from application and/or wash-off of a cosmetic product.

7. (previously presented) The system according to claim 5, wherein the system further comprises a means for displaying the emission signal which comprises a medium selected from the group consisting of Internet, camera, palm pilot, mobile phone and advertising material.

8. (previously presented) The system according to claim 5, whereby said system is suitable to facilitate adherence by a consumer to a product usage regimen on the basis of said skin attributes.

9. (previously presented) The system according to claim 5, wherein said acoustic emission measurement system is suitable to be placed alongside a container holding the cosmetic composition.

10. (previously presented) The system according to claim 5, whereby said system is suitable to facilitate cosmetic product selection on the basis of said skin attributes.

11. (previously presented) The cosmetic system according to claim 5, wherein said skin attributes are selected from the group consisting of pores, wrinkles, photo aging, or skin texture.

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17. (previously presented) The system according to claim 1 wherein the system is suitable for use in an acoustic medium which is air, water or an aqueous solution.

18. (previously presented) The system according to claim 1 wherein the acoustic emission signal is generated from a hand or finger and a second body part.

19. (previously presented) The system according to claim 5 wherein the acoustic emission system is suitable for use in an acoustic medium which is air, water or an aqueous solution.

20. (previously presented) The system according to claim 5 wherein the acoustic emission signal is generated from a hand or finger and a second body part.